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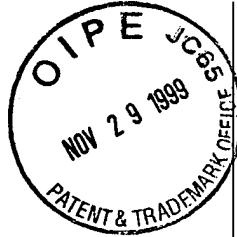
In re application of:

GEOFFREY R. BALL

Application No.: 09/145,374

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For: **BIASING DEVICE FOR
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 26, 1999 Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-15, 20-28, and 31-34), without traverse.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650/326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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